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## HOLY WEEK

Please mark your personal calendars for Holy Week

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – 10 AM Mass

Wednesday – 6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross and Low Mass

Maundy Thursday – 7 PM Service\*

Good Friday – 7 PM Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

Easter Morning – 7:30 AM Eucharist

9:30 AM Sung Eucharist with Incense

*(\*Please note: On Maundy Thursday a special offering will be collected on behalf of our Altar Guild – those who faithfully serve the Table of Our Lord.)*

### *On Keeping Holy Week and Easter*

**Y**es, it is near that time again already! Holy Week and Easter are almost here. This article is meant to educate you a bit on these sacred days so that you may more fully enjoy *and participate* in them.

**F**irst of all, throughout the *whole* of the Church year you are being presented with and led through the Paschal Mystery. Paschal comes from the word “pasch” – which for the Christian means the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. During the days of Holy Week and Easter however, this Mystery is being compressed into one long liturgy – specifically with the days ranging from Maundy Thursday to Holy Saturday. Many people do not realize that Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday is actually just one long continuous service – that is why Maundy Thursday and Good Friday do not have the type of formal endings which we are used to seeing at our regular Sunday Masses. There is no hard break between the services because they are connected. We are entering intensely into Jesus’ “pasch” - His Passion, His Death, and His Resurrection!

**P**alm Sunday - This day kicks off the whole week. The main worship of Palm Sunday is of course the

Eucharist and the reading of the Passion narrative. But before the Celebration gets underway, crosses made from palm leaves are blessed and distributed to all who are present. These are then carried in a procession either around the inside of the church or outside the building. However it is done, the procession of movement is important in that we are remembering Jesus riding in triumph into the Holy City – coming in peace riding on a donkey. We identify ourselves with the crowd of followers – with both the excitement and the disturbance of the situation.

**M**aundy Thursday – The Last Supper took place in the evening. So too does our commemoration of it. We gather together to remember with great thankfulness the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**T**he word “Maundy” comes from the Latin – Maundatum – meaning Great Commandment. The Great Commandment that Jesus gave at the Last Supper was that we should love one another in the same way that He loves us. This commandment is sometimes illustrated by the clergy of the parish washing the feet of some of the parishioners – just as Jesus washed the disciples’ feet on this night.

**O**ur celebration of the commemoration of the Last Supper ends with three distinctive actions:

1. The Blessed Sacrament is carried from the main altar to the place where it will rest overnight for use on Good Friday. (Actual celebrations of Holy Communion on Good Friday are not part of our tradition. However, Holy Communion is permitted on that day and so the Sacrament is given in one kind from that consecrated the night before.) The place where the Blessed Sacrament is kept is called the “Altar of Repose”. It is very special since it represents the garden of Gethsemane where Our Lord went to pray in great tribulation and agony after the Last Supper. We decorate the Altar of Repose with flowers and plants and many candles and votive lights.

2. The High Altar is now stripped. Various decorations are carried from the church. This reminds us that Jesus was stripped of everything before his death. It also foreshadows the humiliation and loneliness which He

suffered. During the stripping, penitential psalms are read in a quiet tone by the congregation.

3. This service does not formally end – again, the days from Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday are one long and continuous service. Therefore for Maundy Thursday there is no final blessing or dismissal as we would regularly see at a Sunday Mass. The people should leave the building in silence. This reminds us that the disciples forsook Jesus and fled. Some of the congregation may want to stay for a while and pray quietly before the Altar of Repose – “Could ye not watch with me...?” In established parishes a Watch before the Altar of Repose is usually maintained until midnight.

**G**ood Friday – This Liturgy consists of four parts: Ante Communion; the Solemn Prayers; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion.

1. Ante Communion: This is the Ministry of the Word. Opening prayers are said. The Epistle is read. The Passion is read. An address may be given.

2. Solemn Prayers: These are general prayers of intercession for the Church – the Clergy and the People – the World – for those who Suffer or of any Necessity.

3. Veneration of the Cross: This is a very lovely and moving ceremony in which we pay homage to our Crucified Lord and seek to identify as closely as we can with His Suffering and Passion. To help us, the Crucifix is used as our visual aid. Many people like to take this opportunity to kiss or touch the Cross. We should all love the Cross – it is the chosen Instrument used to bring about our salvation. Kissing the Cross is the way to express in deed what we so readily confess in word.

4. Holy Communion: The clergy retrieve the Blessed Sacrament from the Altar of Repose and Holy Communion is given very simply in one kind to the people.

**O**nce again – this service also has no formal ending. The people go away in silence.

**H**oly Saturday – This is always the beginning of the celebration of the great festival of Easter. The Easter Vigil takes place either in the evening, or ideally just before dawn. The resurrection is discovered “early in the morning while it was still dark.”

**T**he Vigil centers on the lighting of the Paschal Candle which represents Christ, “The Light of the world.” This Candle is carried into the dark chapel and people light their own small candles from It. This represents our reception of the Light of Christ into our own lives. An Easter celebration is part of this service and for the first time since the beginning of Lent the “Gloria” is sung. (\*DUE TO THE LACK OF A DEACON, THIS YEAR THE EASTER VIGIL SERVICE WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED.)

**I**n order to derive the fullest spiritual benefit from this Holy season, you should try to plan your time and duties in order to be present at *each one* of the Holy Week services. It makes little sense to appear only for the final act of a great drama – and yet still this is what so many people do when they attend only on Easter Day – having missed out on all that has gone before and all that holds equal importance.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Hines +

### **MITE BOXES**

**T**hese boxes will be collected on Easter Day and blessed on the following Sunday. All the money will go to benefit the seminary in California via the Provincial Anglican Church Women. ...If you still do not have a Mite Box, they are available in the narthex.

### **QUIET, PLEASE...**

**W**e are most fortunate to have such a friendly parish! Before each Sunday Mass it is easy to find parishioners chatting with each other and sharing greetings. We do not want this friendliness to diminish, but we must be careful of how we go about it. Unfortunately, with limited space in our building, conversations can easily spill into the chapel area where people are trying to say some preparatory prayers before Mass. Please therefore try to keep voices low and distant prior to Mass. A good rule of thumb is that once the candles are lit (ten minutes or so before the service begins) you should be finding your own way into a pew and beginning your own reverential silence. In the words of St. Julian of Norwich, “We should all feel at home with God, but not so comfortable as to leave courtesy behind.”

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

This coming Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday is to be highlighted by the traditional procession around the church and the distribution of Palm Crosses prepared by the Altar Guild. On Holy Thursday, April 5, 7:00 PM, we will have the annual special collection for our Altar Guild; the special Good Friday service on April 6 will begin at 7:00 PM, and Father Hines will celebrate Mass on Easter Sunday at 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Education Class on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Mark your calendar for the "Trash and Trinkets Auction" on Sunday, April 29, to be held in the Undercroft right after Mass for the benefit of our Youth Group's Mission to Mexico in June. With about \$1,900 in the bank, a good turnout will ensure the funding required for this very worthwhile experience for our young people. You can bring your contribution(s) that morning or leave them on the tables provided in the Undercroft during the week before the auction. Refreshments will be provided by the Vestry, thanks to Norma Stafford. Youth Leaders, Fabi and Dan Brush, will Chair the event.

The Membership Development Committee, Marcia Wilson, Chair, has taken care of display advertising for our Easter Services in the newspapers that cover the communities in our immediate vicinity. Memberships in local Chambers of Commerce are being renewed for another year. The emphasis will continue to be "electronic advertising" to bring All Saints to the attention of those in reasonable driving distance to our parish.

A commercial pre-emergent has been applied to the lawn areas in hopes the crab grass, the common invader of newly-seeded lawns, will be eliminated. In April, the planted area on the south wall of the building will be completed, and additional planting will be done in the parking lot islands and on the east and west walls of the building. The ACM's "Lawn Maintenance Schedule" will be distributed in April, and we appreciate the help of the men who will be taking care of mowing and trimming from now until October. Thanks to Bob Oschman who always takes care of servicing our equipment for the summer.

A new copier is being purchased by Junior Warden Donnie Marini, \$300 allocated by the Vestry; Will Spencer has installed special filters in the building's internal water system; the vault area and the sacristy are being cleaned and reorganized; and the "old" hymnals we've had in storage are being given to our Diocese for distribution to other parishes and missions which have need of them.

After Easter, the parish will receive a special mailing on the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Synod of our Diocese, to be hosted by All Saints, June 7-9. The schedule offers three days of services and meetings that are open to all, and the Synod is an opportunity to meet the clergy and laity from the parishes and missions from the ten states that comprise our Diocese. You should know that our guests will pay an individual \$98 registration fee and \$94 per day for guest rooms at the nearby Holiday Inn, Bolingbrook. There is no registration fee for members of All Saints to participate in the Synod, but we will be asking for modest fees to attend the Laity Fellowship Dinner and the Annual Synod Banquet. The highlight of the Synod will be the Pontifical High Mass and the All-Synod Brunch hosted by our ACW on Saturday morning, June 9. A good turnout from All Saints will ensure the success of the 2007 Synod.

Bill Jepson  
Senior Warden

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH YOUTH

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we will soon be fulfilling our obligations from the Super Bowl Party auction. Get ready to have your cars washed or your flowers arranged, etc. We will be in touch.

This month we have been studying from the Book of Exodus in the Old Testament about the Israelites' wanderings and their reactions of fear and dependence on God. We are using a guide for teens to this end and will continue throughout the rest of the school year.

Dan and Fabi Brush  
Youth Leaders

## TRASH & TRINKETS AUCTION

Sunday, April 29,  
in the Undercroft after Mass

*"What do I have to auction?"*

We all have "stuff" that we no longer use or want. Please bring your item(s) to the auction so they may become another person's treasure.

- All proceeds to benefit the All Saints Church Youth Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico
- If you cannot attend the auction, you may bring in items one week prior to the event
- The Vestry is providing refreshments
- Dan will be the auctioneer

Questions? Please contact Fabi & Dan Brush

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teachers have been presenting lessons leading up to the resurrection of our Lord beginning with Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season. Simple lessons about miracles Jesus performed during this time are presented at appropriate levels of learning. Children learn about Holy Week: Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the crucifixion and the mighty resurrection of our Lord are all presented in age appropriate terms. After Easter, we'll be back to lessons of the Good Shepherd, the Prodigal Son and the Ascension.

There will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Chuck Bolton  
Sunday School Administrator

## GIRLS DAY OUT

Ladies, mark your calendars for the next Girls Day Out on Saturday, May 5, for shopping at Little Traveler and lunch at Mill Race Inn in Geneva! We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:15 AM to car pool, or you may choose to meet us at the "Kitchen Store" entrance of Little Traveler at 10 AM. After two hours of shopping (there are many stores within walking distance of Little Traveler), we will head to Mill Race Inn for lunch at 12:15 PM. Directions and further information will be available closer to the date. If you want to join us for lunch, please let me know by April 22. If you are shopping only, let me know by April 29 so car pools can be arranged. A sign up sheet will be available in the narthex. All ladies and girls and their female friends and relatives are welcome.

Jane Munsie  
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## **Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 PM**  
Youth Meeting

**Wednesday, March 28, 6:30 PM**  
Stations of the Cross and Mass

**Palm Sunday, April 1,**  
No Adult Education or Sunday School

**Holy Tuesday, April 3, 10:00 AM**  
Low Mass

**Holy Wednesday, April 4, 6:30 PM**  
Stations of the Cross and Mass

**Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7:00 PM**  
Mass and Special Collection for the Altar Guild

**Good Friday, April 6, 7:00 PM**  
Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

**Holy Saturday, April 7**  
Due to the lack of a deacon, there will be no Holy Saturday service *this year*.  
No Morning Prayer

**Easter Sunday, April 8**  
7:30 AM Eucharist  
9:30 AM Solemn Sung Eucharist  
No Adult Education or Sunday School

**Sunday, April 15,**  
Adult Education Class, 8:30 – 9:15 AM  
Sunday School resumes  
ACW & ACM Meetings

**Sunday, April 22**  
Adult Education Class, 8:30 – 9:15 AM  
Vestry Meeting  
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**Monday, April 23, 7:00 PM**  
Youth Meeting

**Sunday, April 29**  
Adult Education Class, 8:30 – 9:15 AM  
Trash & Trinkets Auction to benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Mexico in the Undercroft immediately following mass; refreshments will be provided.

**Saturday, May 5, 8:30 AM**  
Morning Prayer followed by fellowship and breakfast  
Girls Day Out (shopping and lunch in Geneva)

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